

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312
U.S. Application No. 09/489,561
Attorney Docket No. A8522 / STL000025US1

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated September 22, 2003 has been received for the above-identified application. Therein, the Examiner provides an Examiner's Amendment wherein claims 13, 28, 30 and 43 are amended. Applicants' representatives in a telephone call with the Examiner on September 8, 2003, authorized the Examiner to amend these claims to correct antecedent basis issues. However, the amendments in the Examiner's Amendment do not correspond to the amendments authorized by Applicant's representatives.

In particular, while the amendments to claim 30 correspond with the authorization provided by Applicants' representatives via telephone on September 8, 2003, the amendments to claims 13, 28 and 43 do not.

Applicants' representative informed the Examiner that these amendments were incorrect via telephone on September 30, 2003. During this conversation, the Examiner invited Applicants to file an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 to correct the errors introduced into claims 13, 28 and 43 because of the Examiner's Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants herein amend claim 13 to recite that "the data object further comprises an outline defining the order and structure of its entities". Claims 28 and 43 are amended in a similar fashion. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments correct the antecedent basis issues that were originally raised by the Examiner.

The changes being made are simply editorial in nature and no question of new matter or questions of further search arise.

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Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that no further recordation with respect to the telephone conversations dated September 8, 2003 and September 30, 2003 between the Examiner and Applicants' representatives is believed to be required.

In view of the above, entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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